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1. Hernan Siles Zuazo, Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) leader who has been in exile in Argentina, returned to Bolivia on 12 September 1948. Siles is the first of the exiled MNR leaders to return in order to stand trial for alleged atrocities and crimes against the State during the Villarroel regime. [REDACTED] his return is a part of MNR tactics to force the hand of the Government to ascertain just how far the latter will go in attempting to persecute the MNR members. The Party will also be able to test public sympathy prior to the arrival of other MNR leaders from Argentina and Peru. 25X1A
2. Since Siles' return to La Paz, he has been closely guarded by MNR members, and is reportedly staying with MNR Deputy Edgar Munez Vela on Calle Oruro. Siles has been in frequent conferences with General Pena y Lilla, Justo Rodas Eguina, and Cesar Cuadro Sanchez. Luis Penaloza has been requested to call on Siles as soon as possible. These meetings between Siles and other MNR leaders have been carefully guarded against any possible intruders. They have been held in the homes of General Pena y Lilla and of Deputy Edgar Munez Vela. It is believed that Siles brought with him from Argentina messages and instructions from other MNR members in exile and especially from the MNR Party leader, Victor Paz Estenssoro.
3. The Government has not yet taken any action against Siles.

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